

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to FIG. 1. This sheet, which includes only FIG. 1, replaces the original. In FIG. 1, the proper interconnection of the network 50 with the hub 12 has been shown.

Attachments: **Replacement Sheet**
 Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated April 19, 2005, the Examiner has finally rejected Claims 1-4, 11, 19-22, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), and finally rejected Claims 5-10, 12-18, 23-25, and 27-29 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

By this paper, it is proposed that FIG. 1 of the drawings be amended to correct an obvious informality, Claims 1, 5, 8, 10, 12, and 13 be amended to more particularly claim that which Applicants regard as the invention, and Claims 11 and 15-29 be cancelled without prejudice. For the reasons set forth below, Claims 1-10 and 12-14, when amended, the claims remaining in this Application, patentably distinguish over the prior art, and should now be allowed.

Claims 1-4 stand finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kubo et al. The Kubo et al reference, as clearly set forth by the Examiner, is directed to a scanner/printer combination with a computer (single computer, designated in the drawings as element 12), which controls both the scanner and the printer. As now more distinctly recited in independent Claim 1 as amended, and as clearly described in the Specification, Applicants' invention employs independent and remote computers associated with the scanner and the printer, whereby diverse users, at remote locations, can input scanning parameters. Accordingly, the Kubo et al reference fails to anticipate Applicants' invention (independent remotely located computers) at the very point of novelty. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is no longer proper, and Claims 1-4 as amended should now be allowed.

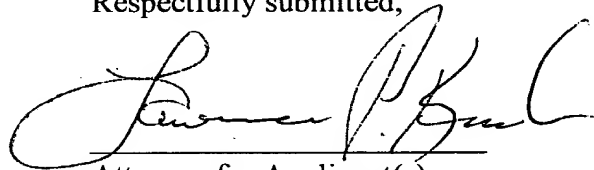
Claims 5-10, 12, and 13 stand as rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kubo et al in view of Fresk et al. The Fresk et al. reference has been cited by the Examiner as teaching precluding execution of scanning parameters prior to execution of previously input scanning parameters. It does not, however, show or teach independent remote computers for a scanner and a printer. The rejected claims are now dependent, directly or indirectly, on amended independent Claim 1, and as such now include all the limitations thereof. Accordingly, even if the proposed combination of the cited references were considered proper, it would still fail to show, or in any way teach, Applicants' invention of independent remote computers for a scanner and a printer to enable separate scanner parameter input as set forth above. Therefore, there is no prior art teaching that would render independent remote computers for

a scanner and a printer obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. Thus, amended dependent Claims 5-10, 12, and 13 would not be obvious, and these claims should now be allowed.

Applicants are not aware of any additional patents, publications, or other information not previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office which would be required under 37 C.F.R. §1.99.

This Application is now believed to be in condition for favorable reconsideration and early allowance, and such actions are respectfully requested. If upon considering the content of this Amendment, the Examiner still considers this Application to not be in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Amendment be entered as placing the Application in better form for appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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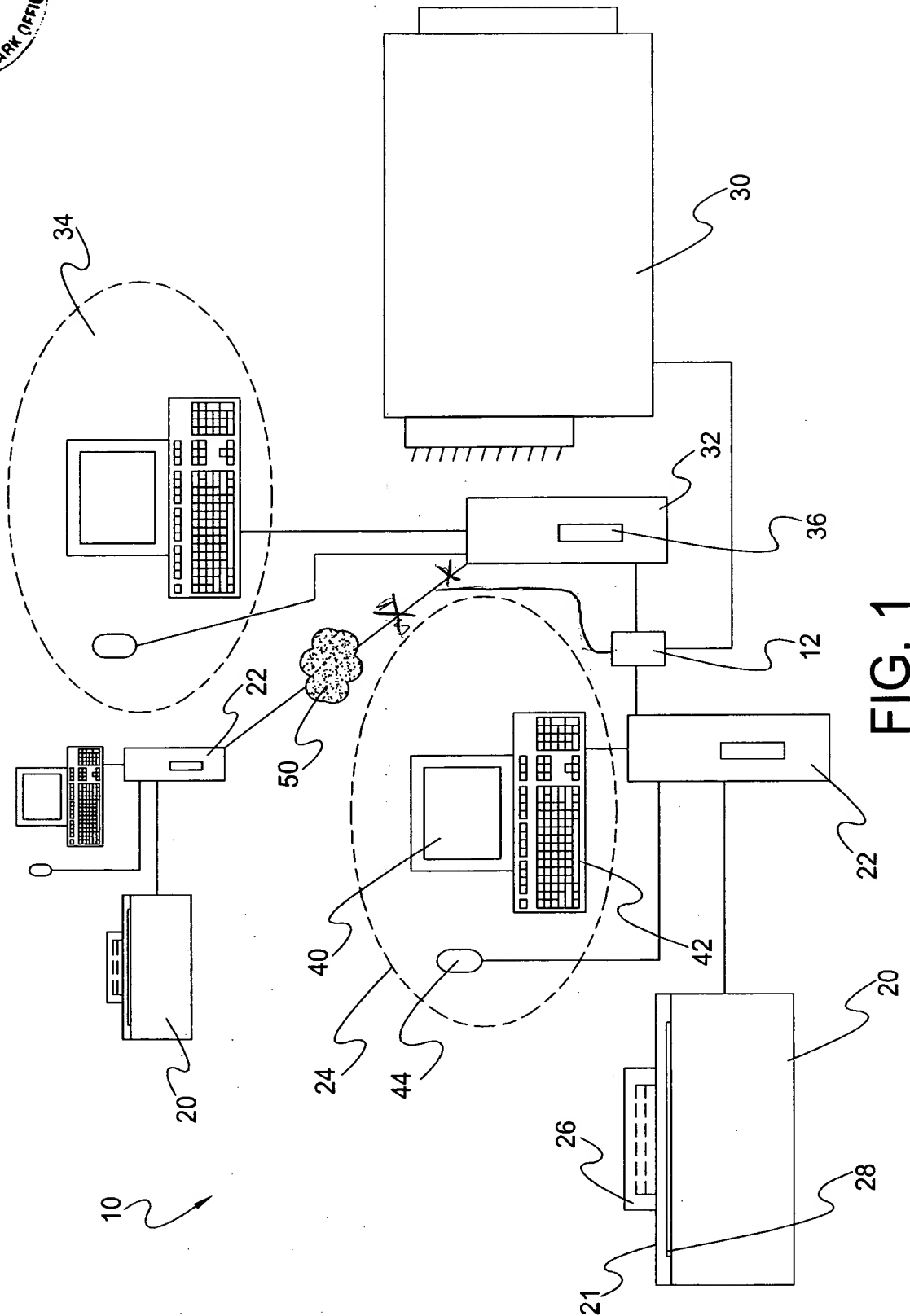


FIG. 1